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In re application of:

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FOR COUNTERACTING THE  
LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS  
IN A CUTOFF FOR CIGARETTES  
AND THE LIKE

Art Unit: 3724

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.  
**Remarks** begin on page 6.

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